
HIST-A 1.7 Awards Policy

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Introduction

The Board of State History each year at the annual meeting, and at other times throughout the year, makes awards to individuals and groups who have made contributions to the field of Utah history, prehistory, or historic preservation. The nature of these awards varies from one award category to the next, as do the criteria for selection. Some awards come with cash honoraria; others with membership in the Historical Society, but all come with a certificate and, perhaps, a written citation. This policy defines the award categories and their criteria, describes the process for adding new award categories and the method of funding cash awards, and describes the procedures for selecting awardees.

Policy

The Board of State History determines all award categories. The Board's policy, however, is to limit the number of award categories in order to ensure that each is meaningful and valued by the awardees.

At the Board's discretion, memorial award categories may be named after those deceased individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of Utah history, prehistory, or historic preservation. A memorial award usually, but not necessarily, comes with a cash honorarium.

Each award that comes with a cash honorarium may be fully funded by an endowment, managed by the Division as part of its non-lapsing interest-bearing account. The cash awards established by the Board before 1991 that are not now fully funded may continue as long as an annual cash gift is made to support the award.

The Awards

The following awards recognize exceptional contribution, service and/or achievement:

Fellow: Citation reads "for outstanding research and writing." Fellows must have a long and distinguished career in scholarly research and writing.

Honorary Life Member: Citation reads "for distinguished service to the State and the Society." Criteria include distinguished service and leadership over a long period of time.

The following awards provide recognition for the four programs of the Division of State History: collections, history, antiquities, and historic preservation. Four categories of awards are offered:

Outstanding Contribution Award: Citation reads "for outstanding contribution to the field of _____ or in support of the state's _____ program." Envisions a long term of service.

Outstanding Achievement Award: Citation reads “for outstanding achievement to the field of _____ or in support of the state’s _____ program.” For a specific project, activity, article, manuscript, or book..

Student Award: Citations reads “ for outstanding achievement as a college student while studying _____.”

Volunteer Award: Citations reads “ for outstanding service to the _____ program.”

The following awards provide recognition of articles published in the *Utah Historical Quarterly*, other historical journals, and history or prehistory books:

Dale L. Morgan Award: Citation reads "for the best scholarly article of the year appearing in the *Utah Historical Quarterly*." Criterion is implicit in the citation. **[\$1,000.00]** \$100.00 , funded by an annual gift from Nick and Helen Papanikolas family in memory of Dale L. Morgan. Award winner is selected by a vote of the Board of Editors, Editor, Managing Editor, and Associate Editor.

Morris Rosenblatt [**Charles Redd Center for Western Studies**]Award: Citation reads "for the best general interest article of the year appearing in *Utah Historical Quarterly*." Criterion is implicit in the citation. **[\$300.00]** \$100.00, funded by an annual gift from [**the Rosenblatt/Goddman families**] in memory of Morris Rosenblatt [**and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University.**] Award winner is selected by a vote of the Board of Editors, Editor, Managing Editor, and Associate Editor.

Nick Yengich Memorial Editors' Choice Award: Citation reads "for the *Utah Historical Quarterly* article selected as editors' choice for the year." Criteria include variety and quality of source materials, readability, and overall charm. \$100.00, funded by an annual gift from Ron Yengich. Award winner is selected by a vote of the Editor, Managing Editor, and Associate Editor.

Best Article Award: *Utah* history article appearing in a publication other than *Utah Historical Quarterly*. **[\$200.00]** \$100.00 Funded by a gift from Switter Axland. A committee appointed by the Chair of the Board of State History selects award winner.

The Helen Papanikolas Award: To the best college/university student's paper on the subject of "Women's History in Utah." \$100.00 award funded from the royalties from the book *Women in Utah History: Paradigm or Paradox* until the funds are exhausted.

[**Francis Armstrong Madsen**] Best [**Utah History**] Book Award: To the author of the best book on Utah history or prehistory published during the preceding year. **[\$1,000.00]** \$500.00 award, funded in honor of Francis Armstrong Madsen by the Madsen family. Award winner is selected by a committee appointed by the Chair of the Board of State History.

[The Smith-Pettit Best Documentary Book in Utah History. This award is made to the editor or editors of the best documentary book in Utah History published the previous year. The edited work may be a diary, journal, letters, correspondence, reports, other written documents, or essays. The award includes a certificate and a check for \$500 funded by the Smith-Pettit Foundation. Award winner is selected by a committee appointed by the Chair of the Board of State History.]

Amy Allen Price Military History Award: Criterion is for a book, article, or museum exhibit significantly contributing to an understanding of United States military history as it relates to Utah. \$200.00, funded by a \$2,000.00 endowment established by Amy Allen Price.

Procedures

Establishing a new award category: Any Board member, the staff of the Utah Division of State History, or any member of the Utah State Historical Society may suggest a new award category for the consideration of the Board.

Endowments: Those who wish to endow specific cash award or a memorial award may do so by contacting the staff for direction.

Selection of Awards: Recommendations are received and reviewed by staff. Management team sends summary and recommendations to the Board for consideration at a meeting to be held prior to the annual meeting. The Board will then make the final selection of award winners.

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